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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

N. Leigh ANDERSON, et al

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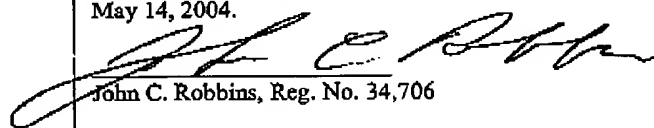
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For: Method and Apparatus for
Relieving Stress in an
Electrophoresis Gel Slab

Examiner: DIAMOND, Alan D.

Group Art Unit: 1753

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

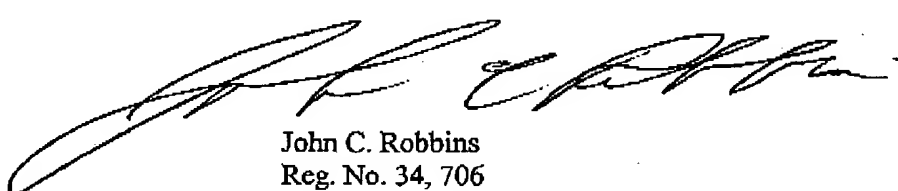
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed April 15, 2004, applicants hereby elect Group II, which is recited in claims 43-55, for examination on the merits. This election is timely filed.

Date: May 14, 2004

Respectfully submitted,


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